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Honorable Anthony D. Johnson, Chairman  
Nez Perce Tribe  
PO Box 305  
Lapwai, Idaho 83540

Dear Chairman Johnson:

I am writing to confirm our government-to-government consultation regarding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's development of the Proposed Plan for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. For this consultation meeting, I will be representing the EPA along with James Woolford, Director of the EPA's National Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation. Program staff and managers will also be present to provide detailed technical information. We plan to meet with you at your Tribal Government office on January 12th, 2016 from 9:00-11:00am.

As you know, the EPA's National Remedy Review Board and Contaminated Sediments Technical Advisory Group conducted a review of cleanup alternatives for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. I would like to thank you for your participation and meaningful input. The Boards are considering written comments from tribal governments and key stakeholders and will provide advisory recommendations to my office.

Our upcoming consultation will further provide the EPA and the Tribe an additional opportunity to discuss the issues that are important to your Tribe. The EPA will consider these issues as we prepare the Proposed Plan for the cleanup of the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. We plan to issue the Proposed Plan in Spring, 2016 for a 60-day public review and comment period.

I look forward to our meeting; enclosed is a draft agenda. Feel free to contact Jim Woods, Senior Tribal Policy Advisor at (206) 553-2871 or Debbie Robinson, Remedial Project Manager at (206) 553-4961 with any questions or concerns regarding the upcoming consultation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis J. McLerran".

Dennis J. McLerran  
Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Samuel N. Penny  
Nez Perce Tribe

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Nez Perce Tribe

Jim Woods, Senior Tribal Policy Advisor  
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# AGENDA

Portland Harbor Superfund Site Consultation  
Nez Perce Tribe and  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
January 12th, 2016  
Nez Perce Tribal Headquarters, Executive Council Chambers  
Lapwai, Idaho

- ❖ Welcome and Introductions
- ❖ Overview and Background of the Portland Harbor Superfund Site
  - History of the Site
  - Listing on the National Priorities List
  - Investigations and Evaluations to Date
  - Collaboration
    - Memorandum of Understanding
    - Activities under the MOU
    - Nez Perce Tribe participation and contributions to the project
- ❖ Chronology
  - Major Milestones to this point
- ❖ Projected Timeline
- ❖ Basis and Rationale for the Proposed Alternative
- ❖ Tribal Input and Open Dialogue
- ❖ Next Steps